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Mishicot schools seek $10M building referendum

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Mishicot School Board unanimously agreed to place a $10 million referendum on the April 5 ballot.

The referendum would address building systems and infrastructure needs and create upgrades to safety, security and educational spaces.

"Although our schools have been well-maintained, many parts of the buildings' infrastructure are more than 50 years old and have reached their useful life, resulting in inefficiencies and ongoing repairs," said Dr. Colleen Timm,

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Mishicot School District superintendent.

The referendum would support a plan focusing on:

» **Building systems:** HVAC, plumbing, electrical and lighting;

» **Infrastructure:** Roofs, flooring, walls and windows;

» **Safety and security:** Secure entrances, emergency eyewash stations and gas shut-off for science rooms;

» **Educational spaces:** Upgrades needed to better support teaching and learning.

The timing of the referendum coincides with the district paying off a prior loan that funded past building projects, which would result in a more manageable tax increase.

The estimated 2016-17 mill rate impact is 6 cents over the current mill rate. The mill rate is the amount of tax payable per dollar of the assessed value of a property.

The district held two open houses regarding the referendum, but Timm wants voters to have no unanswered questions.

"Questions can be emailed to referendum @mishicot.k12.wi.us, or please feel free to call me directly at 920-755-4633 and I'd be happy to answer any questions," Timm said.

Absentee voting is available March 21 through April 1, and citizens are encouraged to visit www.myvote.wi.gov for information about voting protocol and procedures.